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The TV-TS Tapestry

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FOR INFORMATION: The Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 426, North Hampton NH 03862

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Monthly Report

February - On Saturday 2/21 we had another party. It was a huge success - again. Everyone had a marvelous time - again.

Have you noticed I'm running out of adjectives to describe these parties? For some reason though this party was particularly successful. It wasn't successful because of anything we did. We sent out the usual invitations, had the usual catered dinner with the usual amount of confusion. Perhaps it was successful because most of our preferred vendors were here (the gals from Shelly's, Elinor - our favorite wig lady, Hendrika - our dressmaker, Carolyn - clothes, Donna - beautician, Gladys - corsets, and Kim - electrologist). (I was a walking advertisement that night - body by Gladys, Face by Kim, hair by Elinor, outfit by Carolyn.) Perhaps it was successful because of our guests. Hartford's Aunt Harriet brought us her unique brand of class, and Cassandra was certainly a showstopper. You could hear necks crack as they snapped to atten-

Kimberly Williams
Electrologist

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tion when Cassandra entered in her stunning red satin pant suit and black spangled tank top. (There was more than one of us who felt the sting of envy.) I think the main reason for the success of the party was the people. The people make the party. Our favorite neighbor attended the party and she is still talking about the wonderful time she had and the marvelous people she met.

In February we had another party of sorts. Outreach sponsored its annual Gala Weekend which culminated in a Sunday morning brunch at Tiffany. As with most anything Outreach sponsors, there were some special people present; Paula, Michelle, Betty Ann and Elanda to name a few. Diana of Corperate International (see Preferred Business Listings), and Sarah of The Real Paper (see article) also attended.

(We had one Tiffany member left over from the night before. To her 11am was still the crack of dawn, and no time to party. Understandably she was not quite ready to confront a house full of people. As she staggered from coffee pot to toidy in her football t-shirt, she left a lasting impression.)

Diana was there to learn more about the needs of crossdressers who travel, so she had no difficulty coping with all of us. Sarah was a different story. She was there to learn what we were about. (Good luck to her.) After she finished with me, then Frances, Betty Ann, Michelle and Ariadne, she was suffering from an acute case of sensory overload. By the end of the day she had a glassy-eyed gaa-gaa expression on her face. Besides that, everyone she met was bigger and dressed fancier than she was (with one exception, but we won't talk about that). Who could blame her for feeling like a school kid at a PTA meeting?

(Sarah's article was an honest one. When compared to what else has been written about us, her article was certainly more positive than most.)

In March we were planning a trip to NYC for Joyce Dewhurst's Debutante Party. Everyone was spilling over with enthusiasm, ready to go, when Joyce changed the party from Saturday to Friday. That, in the words of one of our more eloquent members, was a bummer. I went anyway.

(While I was away Beverly from tundra country, Frostbite Nose Labrador - or something like that- mushed in for the weekend. DeeDee and Vi visited, and everyone partied without me. Some nerve.)

I went to Joyce's party to meet new people. The only new person I met was Joyce. I knew everybody else. It was old home week in NYC. I may just as well have been at The Fair, or Hartford, or at Casey's or Tiffany. The people are the same everywhere, courteous people, and nice people. The only real difference I could see between Joyce's party and Tiffany's was a slightly greater emphasis on the company of gentlemen, but that was nice. What I'm saying here is, if you have ever considered attending one of Joyce's parties, please feel comfortable about doing so. They are worth the trip.

(At Joyce's we had one casualty. Aunt Harriet fell and broke her arm, and broke her leg in five places. I suppose it could have been worse. She could have broken something else. For a while anyway, it's going to be hard for her to carry on her traditional role of sex symbol. Then again, maybe somebody out there has a cast fetish. - Harriet Dear, get well! We all love you!)

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That's pretty much it for this issue. Basically, things continue to go well for Tiffany, and our growth is steady. For what more could we ask?

My love to you all.

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

KIM WILLIAMS
ELECTROLOGIST
by
Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Do you need electrology?

When you wake up in the morning does your face stick to the pillow?

If you have an itch on the back of your hand do you scratch it with your chin?

Do you have the sex appeal of a scrub brush?

If so then you need electrolysis, and if you're going to have electrolysis, get it from the best - Kim!

A few months back I went to Kim. Prior to that I had for years been painfully abusing my face with tweezers and wax, and it looked it. With all the ingrown hairs and pits and scars, my face looke and felt like it had been strafed. Kim examined my face. He then shook her head, shed a sad tear, sighed, re-examined my face and said she would try to fix it. (her expression reminded me of the look my mechanic gives me whenever I bring him my datsun.)

I laid back and gave Kim my best 'please be gentle' look. Obviously she was not sympathetic to my pleas, for she locked my head into a death grip, heated up her hair zapper and started zapping. I heard she was good, and I heard she was fast, but I couldn't believe what I was seeing. She was playing my face like a ragtime piano, hands and elbows gyrating, and hairs flying everywhere. It looked like black fly season in the mountains the way those hairs were flying.

In four short hours Kim had cleared both sides of my face down to the jawbone, and she did a beautiful job. I can't remember what I had expected, but what I got was certainly not what I expected. Perhaps I expected a slow tedious job. Kim was anything but slow. Perhaps I expected pain, but the tweezing and waxing I had been doing were far more painful. Perhaps having seen other persons come from other electrologists I also expected to be burned and pitted. I was not. I came away from my first four hour session feeling impressed.

There was no question Kim was a thoroughly professional elec-

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trologist. The point that impressed me the most though was her attitude. She took obvious pride, if not a certain amount of glee, in her work, but more than that, she cared. I was now her patient. She was going to take very good care of me, and she expected me to do the same. In fact she bluntly told me I had better take care of myself or else. She had little time to waste on insincere people who didn't take care of themselves. I felt like I had a new mother.

I have been going for treatments ever since, following her instructions of course. It has paid off. At no time have I had so much as an ingrown hair, or pitting, or infection of any kind. Now when I touch my cheek it feels soft and smooth, and I absolutely love it. No more ugly beard shadow or sandpaper cheeks. Making up takes minutes instead of hours. Best of all, I simply feel wonderful, and that's what counts.

YOU WILL FOLLOW KIM'S INSTRUCTIONS

As was stated earlier, Kim is a thoroughly professional electrologist, and a proud and caring person. She has a reason to be. She knows from intense personal experience the pain of gender conflict and the effects of social reprisal. She has suffered, yet has become the person she prefers to be, has gained self- respect and respect from others, and has become one of the best in her chosen profession. She has a right to be proud. She also knows in her soul what hair removal means to persons such as myself and especially to TS persons. Call it self-confidence, ego, vanity, call it what you will, but to a person whose femininity is a fundamental part of their personality and lifestyle, facial and body hair is a handicap that must be overcome. Kimberly knows this, and treats her TV/TS sisters with special compassion and extraordinary skill.

In the words of one of our TV sisters who has been to enough different electrologists to know, "Kim is a crackerjack electrologist."

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ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Tiffany Club is a nonprofit nonsexual social club for persons who enjoy crossdressing, and for their friends. The Tiffany Club has facilities conveniently located near Boston and provides a variety of activities and services, catering to the interests and needs of the individual. The fees are set depending on how active, or supportive a person is going to be. Tiffany also supports organizations similar in structure and objectives and adjusts its attendance and member - ship fees accordingly.

ATTENDANCE FEES for the use of Tiffany's facilities, or attendance at any Tiffany Function:

WAIVED for General and Key members of the Tiffany Club, Hartford TVIC, and The Kay Mayflower Society. Fees are also waived for females, new men and women, and persons cleared by The Tiffany Club Board of Directors.

$5.00 per visit for Tiffany Special Members, and members in good standing of the GGA, Tri Sigma, Albany TVIC, TAMS, Shangri-La, and CHIC.

$10.00 per visit for all persons not mentioned above.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

SUBSCRIBER: $25.00 per year. (No screening requirements necessary.)

SPECIAL: $25.00 per year. (Must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee.)

GENERAL: $240.00 per year, or $200.00 per year if paid within 6 months. (Same requirements as for Special.)

KEY: $300.00 per year or $250.00 per year if paid within 6 months. (Same requirements as for General.)

For additional information, contact: The Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 426, North Hampton NH 03862 (617)891-8022

REAL LIFE
THE MAN TRAP

By Sarah Wright

WHAT'S MORE EUPHORIC THAN being the opposite of what you are for a while? When I get all dolled up, I feel pretty. I can escape from the pressures of my masculine role. Crossdressing is a release, just like any other hobby."

Merissa Cherrill Lynn, wearing a navy-blue skirt, a lacy high-necked blouse, nylon stockings, and open-toed black heels, leans forward in his chair. It's Sunday morning and we're sitting in the homey office of the Tiffany Club, a social club near Boston for transvestites and crossdressers.

"The Club is a place for people to dress, store their clothes, and meet other dressers. We're legal, and strictly on the up and up: good manners and good sense at all times. Our members are carefully screened. We don't want blackmailers or guys running down Main Street in tutus; we want a protective community here. With society as hung up as it is, you really need support."

With more than 250 members, the Tiffany Club represents more than a phone number and a wardrobe for hobbyists. It's a whole community, one that has been treated with absolute intolerance by outsiders. Today, though it's bright and sunny outside, the shades are drawn throughout the house. In the dark living room, twenty men, all dressed in expensive-looking women's clothing, are enjoying brunch together. The trend here is high heels, sheer stockings, and conservative skirts and jackets. All very Nancy Reagan, and for me, a woman dressed in jeans, it's very disorienting. Am I ten again, waiting for my mother in a crowd of PTA women? Am I stranded in a crowd of Marilyn French characters, all trapped suburban housewives?

"There's power and excitement in dressing, too. By being the soft, feminine thing you're forbidden to be in a masculine role, you can turn yourself on," Merissa is saying. "I like women—I think you could say we're all flaming heterosexuals—but ever since I was a boy I envied the attention and affection girls got. So I dressed up in my sister's clothes and fantasized I was a girl." Merissa crosses his legs at the ankle and adjusts his skirt.

"As a boy, I liked athletics. I enjoyed winning in the bigger-faster-better masculine world. The dressing stayed hidden. When I was nine, my parents caught me and beat me so badly I still have the scars on my back. Their blind, angry reaction taught me to fear social reprisal for something I knew wasn't wrong . . . ." Merissa shrugs, his face inexpressibly sad. A man wearing a lime-green skirt and carrying a black lizard purse comes in to browse through the bookshelf: *Designing Your Face, A Year Among the Girls, House Beautiful,* back issues of *Transvestia* magazine. . . .

"Hey, Vicky," Merissa says. "Tell Sarah how long you've been dressing."

"I'm seventy-eight now," Vicky smiles warmly. "And I can tell you, there's no cure. I've tried to give it up. I've thrown out thousands of dollars in outfits, but I always go back. Now I'm here, among friends, and I just enjoy it." He pats my arm, still smiling, and leaves.

"After that beating," Merissa resumes, "I went out to prove my masculinity in public. I was a professional skier"—he stops politely while I write—"but I knew I wasn't my best self as a man. If I get married, and I hope I do," he says wistfully, "it will have to be as my nicest, wholest self. As I am now. I'm into a nice country-girl look. I want to make someone happy this way."

THE question, who might be made happy by a crossdresser, doesn't seem to matter so much to club members. Whenever I ask, there's a minute of dead air followed by a vague response like, "femininity is the turn-on," or "the clothes are so sexy," or "the best way to amuse a group of TVs is to put them in a room full of mirrors." On the club walls, rules are posted—no more than five minutes in the bathroom, masturbation rags on the lower shelves—and somewhere between the rules and the roundabout answers lies the plain fact that the clothing itself is what's sexually exciting.

As Carol, dressed in a gray flannel skirt, low alligator pumps, and designer glasses tells me, "The fem world has the softness, the smells that I adore. I've gone the whole macho route. My job is high-pressured and I've had to do things as a man that I'd never do in this"—he waves a perfectly manicured hand at his ruffled silk blouse—"and I'm turned on this way. When you're passing, you feel really sexy. You *are* the object you're supposed to chase when you're a man. It's a thrill; *and* a relief."

But, Carol insists, he wouldn't be a woman. "As a man, you're guaranteed the center of attention. You're inside the power circle. Women and dressers are always pushed to the outside. I wouldn't give up my job, and I don't have to give up passing."

Merissa agrees. "So long as you've got a masculine-is-superior society, you'll have problems. For one thing, women will feel and act inferior. That's terrible; it degrades both sexes. And I hate a sissy. I hate the kind you've got to belt if they've been in a car accident just to keep them quiet. I believe in wholeness, not passivity."

As a woman's wardrobe seemed the long way around, I ask Merissa if he'd ever seen a therapist. "No," he assures me. "But if I did, I'd do my very best to cure him." Cure him of what?

"Of the cruel and rigid roles we're given in this society." ■

COMING EVENTS

NEW ENGLAND

Tiffany Club: (Open)
P.O. Box 426, North Hampton, N.H. 03862 (in Mass., 617-891-8022
OPEN MEETINGS 7pm Tues. and Sat. Relaxed evenings among friends. Help with make-up and comportment upon request. BYOB BYOF
BUSINESS MEETINGS 7pm to 8:30pm the 4th saturday of each month. All general and key members interested in being actively involved are encouraged to attend.
PROFESSIONAL DAYS Merchandise for sale. Private consultations for make-up, comportment, wardrobe coordination, wig styling, etc. (by appointment only). Wigs, clothing, beauty supply, beauty services (hair, facials, make-up waxing, manicures, etc.
Saturday June 13
Saturday July 11
Saturday August 1
MARY KAY DEMO
8:30pm, Saturday, May 9
PARTY 7pm saturday, May 16
$6.00 for food, BYOB RSVP
PARTY 7pm saturday, June 20
$6.00 for food, BOYB RSVP

Annual Fall Bash - Sept 19
Halloween - October 31
Thanksgiving - November 21
Christmas Party - December 19

Mayflower: (open bondage) (617) 254-7389
MEETINGS Every Wednesday
PARTIES Last saturday of each month.

Hartford TVIC: (open) Harriet Lane, Box 2 Yalesville Sta., Willingford, Ct. 06402 (202) 288-1166
PARTY SCHEDULE FOR 1981
May 9 -- Fairies & Elves
June 13 -- Summertime
July 11 -- Independence Day
Aug 8 -- Harriet's Birthday
Sept 12 -- Labor Day
Oct 10 -- Columbus Day
Oct 31 -- Halloween
Nov 14 -- Thanksgiving
Dec 12 -- Christmas

The fees for the parties are - Members $5.00, with wives $7.50 and prospective members $15.00, with wives $20.00. BYOB

Open Door: (Transsexual support) Box 206, Bedford, Ma. 01730
MEETINGS 2 pm, 2nd & 4th saturday- Old West Church 131 Cambridge St. Boston
JUNE 13 - Lawyer Andrew Weiss

XX Club: (Transsexual support) P.O. Box 6070 Park St. Sta., Hartford, Ct. 06106
MEETINGS Every 2nd and 4th saturday, 2pm
May 9 - Electrologist Kay Hayes
AUGUST 8 - Tentatively scheduled - Dr. Leo Wohlman

NEW YORK

Albany TVIC: William Thordsen 1104 Broadway, Albany, NY 12200
MEETINGS Every 3rd saturday

Casey: Casey & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd., St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736
PARTIES Mid Long Island, 4th saturday

Joyce Dewhurst: 37-50 76 St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212) 335-3048
SUMMER FANTASY FESTIVAL - at the Dancing Oasis
May 15
June 5 June 20
July 2 July 18
Aug. 1 Aug. 15

MID ATLANTIC

Tri Sigma: (heterosexual TVs)
PHI CHAPTER (South N. Jersey, East Penns.) Michelle W illiams Box 322, Collingswood, NJ 08108 (609) 854-1738
Meetings every 4th Sat.
PI CHAPTER (Pittsburgh) Patricia Louise McDermott, Box 576, Export, Pa. 15632
Meetins on alternate months with The Paradise Club of Ohio. The meetings are normally the 2nd Sat., but may change, so get confirmation.
DELTA CHI CHAPTER (Washington, DC) Sandy, c/o B.A. Lind, 5373 Duke St., Apt 1416, Alexandria, Va. 22312
Meetings every 3rd Sat.

Baltimore- DC Alliance: Merle Sparkman, c/o B.A. Lind, 5375 Duke St. Apt 1416, Alexandria, Va. 22312
Meetings every 2nd Sat.

Blossom Pastor: 1009 Hartel Ave. Phila., Pa. 19111
PARTIES irregularly scheduled in Philadelphia
April 24
October 30

Sue Hall: (TVs & Swingers) Sue Hall Enterprises, Box 74 Changewater, NJ 07831
OPEN HOUSE Mondays. Dress as you like.

Neptune: Box 360, Belmar, NJ 07719
Week-end parties, Wednesday teas, holiday events.
(Neptune's facilities are new, and their social schedule has yet to be worked out.)

MID WEST

Mid-West Outreach: R. Hess, 512 Barry St., Apt 306, Chicago, Ill. 60657 (312) 472-4518
SUMMER GALA July 24, 25, & 26
Details pending

Tri Sigma:
CHI CHAPTER (Heterosexual) Donna Martin, Box 218, Markham, Ill. 60426 (or) Sharon (312) 472-4518
Meetings every 3rd Sat.

Crossroads: P.O. Box 3013, Flint, Mich. 48502
Monthly meetings, irregularly scheduled.

Paradise Club: (Ohio) Patricia Louise McDermott, Box 576, Export, Pa. 15632
Meet on the 2nd Sat., alternating months with the Pi Chapter of Pittsburgh.

WEST

Gateway Gender Alliance: P.O. Box 62283, Sunnyvale, Ca. 94088 (408) 734-3773
SAN FRANCISCO 1st Weds.
OAKLAND 4th Weds.
SAN JOSE 1st & 3rd Fri.
BERKELEY Rap Session 1st & 3rd Weds. Special topic last Fri.

Tri Sigma: (Heterosexual, an international membership) Society For The Second Self, Box 194 Tulare, Ca. 93275
ALPHA CHAPTER (Los Angeles)
Meetings and special events irregularly scheduled.
CONVENTION (see vacations)

Shangri La: (Open) Nancy Watson Box 18202, Irvine, Ca. 92713 (714) 834-0928
SCYROS CHAPTER 1st Saturday
SHANGRI LA 1981 (see vacations)
SHANGRI LA WEST (see vacations)

(Heterosexual) P.O. Box 90382, Los Angeles, Ca. 90009

Salmacis: (Open) Lynda or Ann (213) 241-9093
Meetings 2nd Saturday

MISC.

TV SPECIAL FASHION PARTY Sponsored by Erotic Fashions, P.O. Box 793, Times Sq. Sta., NYC, NY 10108 (212) 757-6268
Saturday, May 16th, 9pm to 3am
211 W. 56 St., Suite 29J
Corner of Broadway, Open Bar and Buffet $10.00 Donation

PAST LIFE COME AS YOU WERE Costume Gala tentatively scheduled for Mid-July (details pending)
Madeira Room, Pilgrim House - P-Town

VACATIONS

FANTASIA FAIR 1981 October 16 through October 25, 1981
Annual 9 day event held in P-Town, Mass. F/F offers a wide selection of educational, social & outdoor activities and programs to all participants.
Fantasia Fair Ltd, Box T 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston, Ma. 02215 (617) 277-3454

TRI SIGMA CONVENTION (Details pending) Annual Fall event for members of Tri-Sigma only.
Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, Ca. 93275

SHANGRI LA April 23 through April 26, 1981
Annual 5 day spring event held on the Mississippi Gulf coast.
Nancy Watson, Box 18202 Irvine, Ca. 92713 (714) 834-0928

DREAM Annual 5 day Fall event held near Seattle, Washington.
Dream, Box 58, 507 3rd Ave. Seattle, Wash. 98104

TIFFANY WEEKEND May 1-3, 1981
Weekend party, held at a leading hotel in Provincetown.
Tiffany Club, Box 426, N. Hampton, NH 03862 (617) 891-8022

CHICAGO GALA WEEKEND July 24-26 1981
R. Hess, 512 Barry St. A-306 Chicago, Ill 60657 (312) 472-4518

SHANGRI LA WEST June 5-7, 1981 in Apple Valley, Ca.
Nancy Watson, Box 18202 Irvine, Ca. 92713 (714) 834-0928

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS Group or Individual. Contact: Sonja Pass - c/o Corporate International, 125 Water St., Boston, Ma. 02109
From Mass. (617) 426-5850
Nationwide 800-343-2122

BULLETIN BOARD

Dear Merissa:-

In the past you have been very generous giving space to the D.O.A. Club. (Dead On Arrival.)

As you know, the DOA folded because of a thirteen thousand dollar telephone bill, and I had to declare bankruptcy.

In the interim I have taken a crash refresher course at The Institute of Oral Love, graduating Summa cum loud, plus taking a course in the operation of ham radio.

I am happy to announce that, now I have the only TV Club on the air. We are known as The Tri-Lambda Society. The three L's standing for Lewd, Lecherous and Lusty.

All members are ham radio operators and we go on the air monthly at 12:00 midnight on a frequency of 000.4 mg. Those who can receive on this frequency are welcome to tune in.

These are the present members, addresses on request. Olive Pitts - Angel Cayke - Dixie Cupp - "Muff" Muncher - Helen B. Dammed - Pat Cherass - Polly Ethylene - Dee Flowered - Mary Haddalam - "Rusty" Nayles- "Barb" Wyre - Heddie Wyne - Candi Barr and Cephelia Dixx.

My Best wishes to the Tiffany Girls.

Love

Tweedle Dee Dee, Pres.

MISSING

Since March 17th evening - 1 pair of high heel sandals. Heel and sole brown - leather uppers maroon. They were last seen on the bed in Tiffany's storage room. The shoes belong to Elaine C., and she would appreciate their return.

THE OPEN DOOR

The Open Door is a support group for the Transsexual, and anyone who is interested by the phenomenon. They will be meeting at The Old West Church starting the second week of April, and successive meetings shall be held every second and fourth Sunday of the month. For more information you should write to: The Open Door: Box 206, Bedford, Mass. 01730.

The Old West Church is located at 131 Cambridge Street, Boston. And meetings begin at two in the afternoon. Although only tentatively scheduled for at least one April meeting, an amateur psychologist will attend to gain, and share various insights relating to Transsexual issues, and sexology in general. The group shall also plan outings at whim, including luncheons.

SEWING LESSONS

The Tiffany Club will be sponsoring sewing lessons. Pat, a teacher for Singer, will begin when we have enough persons to make up a class. The course will be Tuesday evenings for 10 consecutive weeks, 3 to 4 hours a lesson.

Cost: $50.00

Limit: 6 persons, first come, first serve.

Conditions: You must have the use of a sewing machine outside of Tiffany.

To sign up see Merissa or Liz.

HELP WANTED

TV wanted for part-time light clerical and housework. Afternoons , Sundays a possibility. Sincere applicants only. 'Wardrobes By Carolyn' 662-4432 4-7 pm

TRAVEL

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Corporate International are specialists in villa living worldwide. If you, or your group are intertested in a very special vacation, let Sonja help you!

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I am a handicapped, post-operative transsexual who possesses a speech impediment and a low voice. I run a dressing and shopping service for transvestites who are just coming out of the closet; who have neither the opportunity nor the place to dress. I am a compassionate and understanding person who will help you dress in security and comfort. I will be happy to help you with choice of wardrobe, wigs, make-up, etc. My shopping service is organized to purchase anything that you desire. It is provided at a reasonable cost only slightly higher than the prices that are found in the stores. I do not engage in sexual relations, or perform other kinky acts, but may be able to refer those who have such interests.

I am located in the Cambridge area.

My hours are 11-9pm, monday through saturday, by appointment only. Contact Marie at 497-4553

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BEAUTICIANS

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Rony G.
18-20 Charles St.
Newburyport, Ma. 01950

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Laura C.
c/o Tiffany
P.O. Box 426
N. Hampton, NH 03862

JANICE H. 55, 5'6, 150, divorced. Enjoys country music, movies and nice resturants. Wants to meet other TVs to assist her in understanding herself.

Janice H.
c/o Tiffany

MICHELLE WILLIAMS 35, caucasian TV, medical professional, Philadelphia Chapter president Tri-Sigma. Enjoy classical music, opera, wine. Attended Fantasia Fairs 77-80, Dream 1980, and won Miss Provincetown 1980, Miss Best Dressed 79 & 80, and presented mime acts of Petula Clark, Lynn Anderson, Dolly Parton, and Cher.

Michelle Williams
P.O. Box 322
Collingswood, NJ 08108

JOYCE KELLNER TV, 5'10, 44 who enjoys sports and stamps. Is considering going TS, and is most interested in hearing from both pre-op and post-op TSs.

Joyce Kellner
P.O. Box 344
Burtonsville, Md. 20904

DIANTHA KAY Blonde, blue eyes, acceptable feminine appearance, tall (5' 11), 165#. Enjoy music theater, gourmet cooking, picnics. Also enjoy rural living, but miss the city life. Would like to meet or correspond with people who have similar interests and life style.

Diantha Kay
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Lee Arsnal
Box 254
Togus, Maine 04330

JANICE MARIE Tall, 49, college graduate (engineering), Married, no children, employed as an engineer. Enjoy ham radio, ballad singing, electronic organ operation. I am interested in helping other to come out of the closet and to be comfortable in doing so. I like to share my experiences in order to do this.

P.O. Box 103
Middlesex, NJ 08846

KATHY H. TV, 31, 6'6, 265# who has been crossdressing for 18 years. Would like to correspond with other TVs to share experiences and photos. Kathy says that her spouse would be willing to write to spouses of other TVs.

Kathy H.
c/o Tiffany

JANNA PAGE Somewhat reserved, but friendly TV who is interested in bridge, golf, chess and stamp/coin collecting. Unable to dress as frequently as she would like, but is interested in corresponding with other TVs.

Janna Page
P.O. Box 211
Lake Bluff, Il 60044

JANE H. Slender 6' TV who is a retired engineer - enjoys classical music and theater. Very active on the TV scene having attended Dream in 76, 78, & 80, and Fantasia Fair in 1980. Would quite enjoy exchanging letters/pictures with other TVs.

Jane H.
c/o Tiffany

BEVERLY SAUNDERS Married TV who is a member of the crossdressing club 'TAMS' in Montreal. Promises to respond to all who write her.

Beverly Saunders
c/o TAMS
P.O. Box 153
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FORUM

THE BIG WORDS
PARACULTURE - ANDROGYNY
by
Merissa Sherrill Lynn

The gut reaction most people have when they hear the words 'paraculture' or 'androgyny is 'ouch'!

Most people are intellectually lazy, myself included. If people are going to talk to me, I prefer they do so in words I don't have to stop and think about. 'Paraculture' and 'androgyny' violate that preference. Since I like to hear words I don't have to think about, and these two words are now common, perhaps its time to understand them.

(The problem with that though, is if I understand them, I'll be the only one who does, and I'm no better off than before, but it's worth a try anyway.)

Paraculture - It seems that intellectual free spirits have an

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overwhelming need to create big words to define the manifestations of the crossdressing phenomenon. (Big words.) Paraculture is just such a word. The time honored phrase 'TV/TS Community' (so the arguement goes) implies an identifiable entity separated from society as a whole. Since no one, except me, wanted to identify with an identifiable entity, they needed a new word. They invented 'Paraculture'. Now they had a word that was so nebulous, that nobody knew what it meant or could be identified with, but could still be included in. It was a very practical word. To understand what I mean by nebulous, listen to this: Paraculture is a term used to collectively identify all elements of western culture in general (phew!) that deal with gender related issues. God, that's even more nebulous than 'crossdresser', which means anyone who crossdresses for whatever reasons.

Then again, the word is at least as impressive as Mary Poppins supercala -- etc., and easier to say, so I guess it does have it's value.

Androgyny - Androgyny is a concept as old as religion itself, as old as yin and yang, as old as Vishnu and Shiva, as old as Heavan and Hell, as old as man and woman. It is the dual principle of the universe, a duality that blends into a oneness and is inherent in all things. To me androgyny is a beautiful concept, for it implies a sense of harmony with myself and the universe. The intellectual free spirits have of course corrupted it.

There used to be a term called 'transgenderist'. TG for short. (Follow this now, for this will get confusing.) TG was a term invented so that people who felt equally comfortable expressing themselves in both masculine and feminine terms could have a catagory with which to identify. (TV had come to imply compulsive or sexual behavior, and who wanted to identify with that?) (during this time of identity crises, the term 'Femmiphile', which meant a lover of the feminine, also gained some popularity, and there are still some zealots around clinging to that term, but that's another story.) Then along came people who were not transsexual (TS), who didn't like being called TVs, but who had completely changed gender roles. They took over the name TGs. That left the former TGs who merely liked to change gender roles from time to time out in the cold in search of a new identity. Along came the intellectual free spirits to save the day. They introduced the word 'Androgyne'. It was a natural. Since androgyny implies unity, androgyne implies the unity of masculinity and femininity, right? (The dictionary says an androgyne is a hermaphrodite, but what do they know?) Now everybody who wants a catagory with which to identify, has one. Isn't it wonderful?

I guess I'm just a simple soul. I like the days when nobody had to pegeonhole you with catagories in order to figure you out. I am just a person who enjoys crossdressing. That is the way I prefer to be, and you can take your big words and give them back to Webster!!

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